

MEMORANDUM

TO: William S. Stowe, Assistant General Counsel

FROM: William H. Stevens, Jr., Hearing Officer

RE: Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 00-82 - Company Request to Update Reconciliation Filing

DATE: January 25, 2001

cc: Mary Cottrell, Secretary

Service Lists in Boston Edison Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23 (1998); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 97-113 (1998); Boston Edison Company,

D.T.E. 98-111 (1999); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 99-107 (1999)

On November 2, 2000, Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric ("BECo" or "Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") its 2000 transition charge reconciliation filing that included reconciliation of standard offer service costs and revenues, and proposed updated charges and tariffs to be effective

January 1, 2001 ("Reconciliation Filing"). On December 22, 2000, the Department approved BECo's tariffs to take effect on January 1, 2001, subject to further investigation and reconciliation. Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 00-82 (2000). On January 12, 2001, the Department issued a notice of public hearing and procedural conference. Boston

Edison Company, D.T.E. 00-82 (Phase II) (Notice of Public Hearing and Procedural Conference).

In the Company's cover letter accompanying the Reconciliation Filing, the Company proposed to:

update this filing in the spring of 2001, to provide year-end data and to allow a final reconciliation for 2000. Thus, the Company proposes that this proceeding address final reconciliations for both 1999 and 2000. Future years' filings would then employ the same timing of annual filings in November followed by an update the following Spring, so that the reconciliation could be finalized for the most recent, completed calendar year.

This proposal requests that the Department make a substantial change from BECo's previous reconciliation filings and requires a motion. 220 C.M.R. § 1.04(5)(a). Accordingly, I request that the Company submit this proposal to the Department as a motion, pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.04(5), no later than February 1, 2001.

In addition to any specific statements the Company may make in support of its motion, I request the Company to: (1) provide a date when it proposes to file its update; (2) provide a proposed procedural schedule; and (3) address whether this proposal is consistent with or substantially complies with the Electric Utility Restructuring Act, Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997 ("Act"), the Company's approved Restructuring Agreement, applicable law, and Department precedent. Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 98-111, at 4 (1999).

I direct the Company to serve a copy of its motion to the service lists in Boston Edison Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23 (1998); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 97-113 (1998); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 98-111 (1999); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 99-107 (1999) no later than February 1, 2001. Written comments on this motion must be filed no later than close of business, February 6, 2001.

Please note that all written pleadings or comments must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the diskette label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption;

(2) docket number; (3) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (4) a brief descriptive title or document (e.g., comments or petition to intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix) or in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, www.state.ma.us/dpu/.